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SUBJECT: AMSPEC RUTH CLUSEN

1. RUTH CLUSEN, PRESIDENT LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS. AMSPEC
"ROLE OF WOMEN IN AMERICAN POLITICS"; "VOTER EDUCATION AND
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS."
PO-12 (PROJECT FULFILLED). PO-06 (PARTLY FULFILLED).

2. QP-E, ED-E, AR-E, RO-E

3. CLUSEN IS EASILY ONE OF THE BEST SPEAKERS WE'VE HAD HERE.
KNOWLEDGABLE, ARTICULATE, ABLE TO RELATE EFFECTIVELY TO
FOREIGN AUDIENCES, SHE ESTABLISHES IMMEDIATE RAPPORT AND
IMPRESSES LISTENERS WITH HER GRASP OF POLITICAL REALITIES
IN THE US. LISBON ENGAGEMENTS INCLUDED A HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE
LECTURE AND DISCUSSION WITH THE PRESIDENT AND
MEMBERS OF THE PORTUGUESE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF
WOMEN (IWY). MRS. CLUSEN LUNCED WITH LEADING WOMEN
IN THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AND THE CENTER
DEMOCRATIC PARTY INCLUDING ONE OF THE FEW WOMEN IN
PARLIAMENT. THESE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS PROVIDED AN
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EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE
STATUS OF WOMEN AND ENABLED HER TO GET FIRST HAND
BRIEFINGS ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION HERE.
MRS. CLUSEN'S FORMAL PRESENTATIONS WERE EXTREMELY
WELL RECEIVED. AUDIENCES AT THE CDS SPONSORED MEETING
IN LISBON ASKED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ABOUT LEAGUE'S
LOBBYING EFFORTS AND ITS NON-PARTISAN APPROACH TO

POLITICS. PORTO MEETING AT THE INSTITUTE FOR DEMOCRACY AND LIBERTY (CDS) ALSO ATTRACTED ABOUT 50 LISTENERS INTERESTED IN THE LEAGUE'S ORGANIZING AND LOBBYING EFFORTS.

THE ONE DISAPPOINTING PROGRAM WAS AT THE USIS LIBRARY READING ROOM WHERE ONLY A HANDFUL OF THE SPECIALLY INVITED AUDIENCE OF POLITICAL PARTY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TURNED UP. THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND (CARNIVAL) NO DOUBT CONTRIBUTED TO THIS. THOSE WHO WERE THERE DISPLAYED KEEN INTEREST IN MRS. CLUSEN'S COMMENTS ON THE LEAGUE'S VOTER EDUCATION PROJECTS AND SAID THE FOUND IT EXTREMELY USEFUL.

IN SUM, A FIRST CLASS SPEAKER WHOM WE RECOMMEND ENTHUSIASTICALLY.
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